

# Discerning dark energy's character

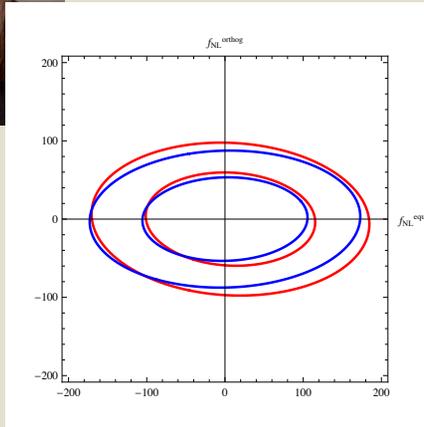
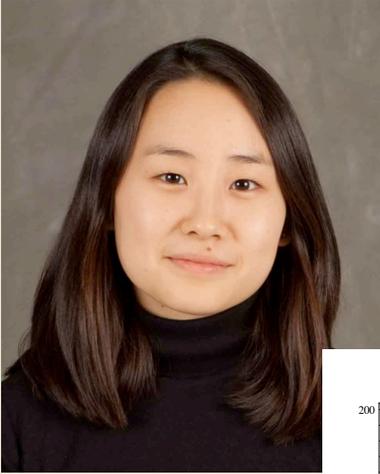
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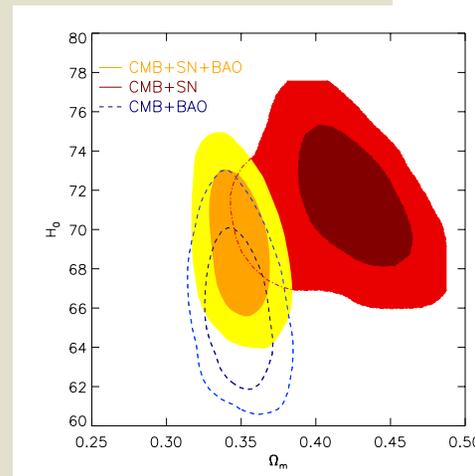
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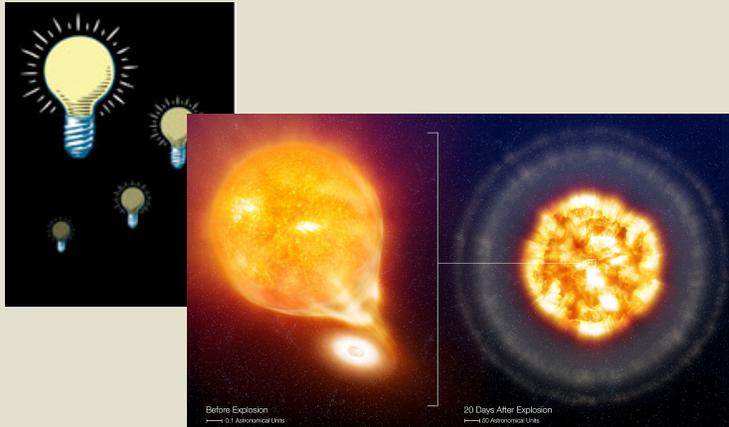
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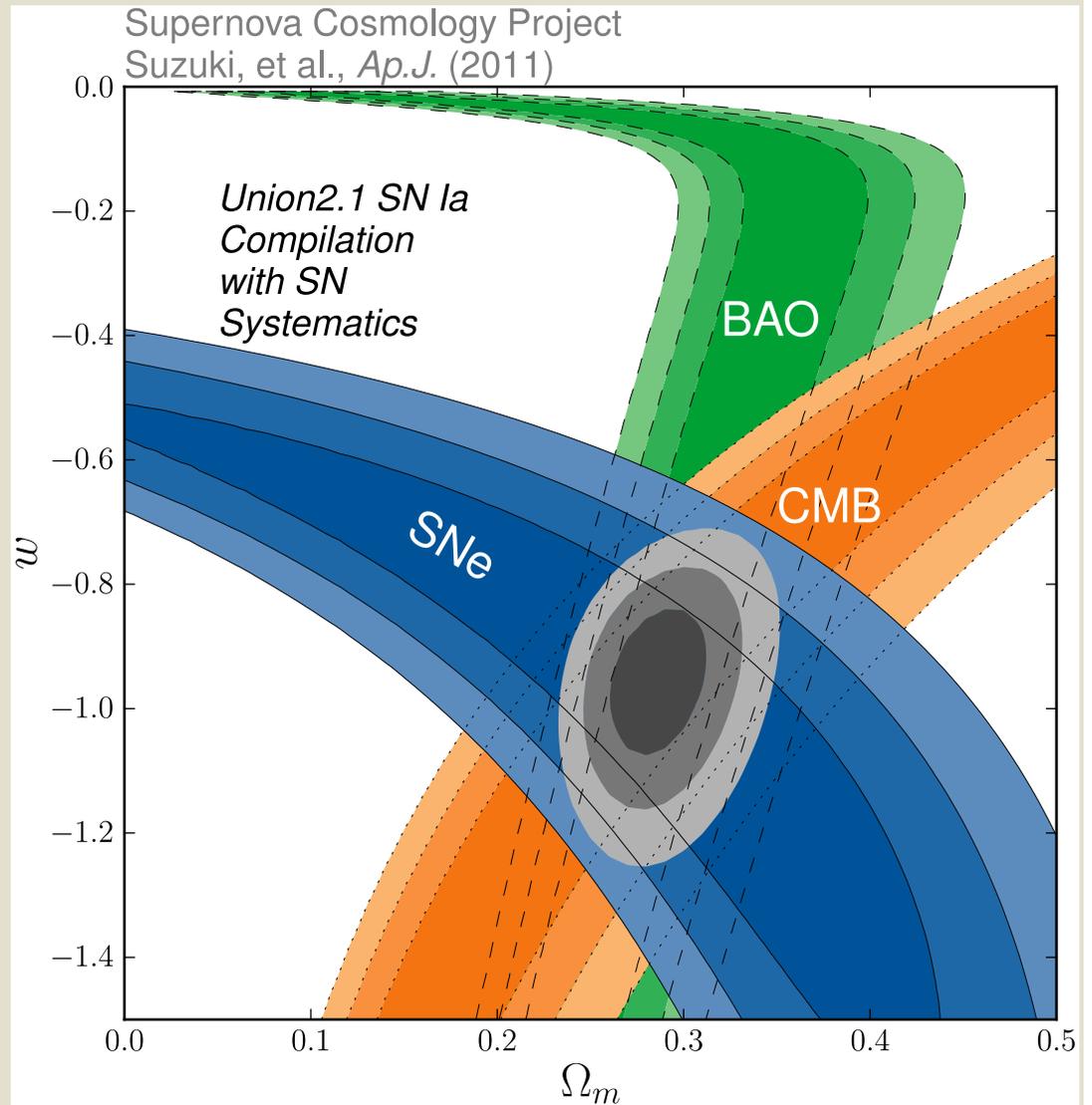
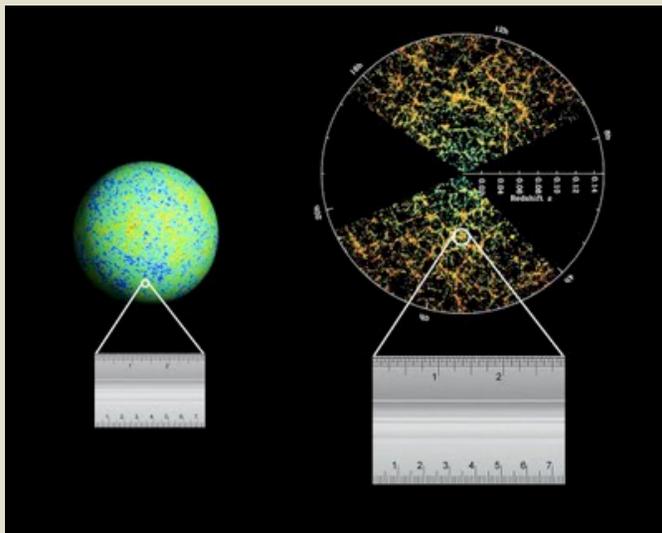
Cosmological constraints on the effective field theory and cosmic acceleration

# Geometric complementarity gives powerful evidence for dark energy's existence

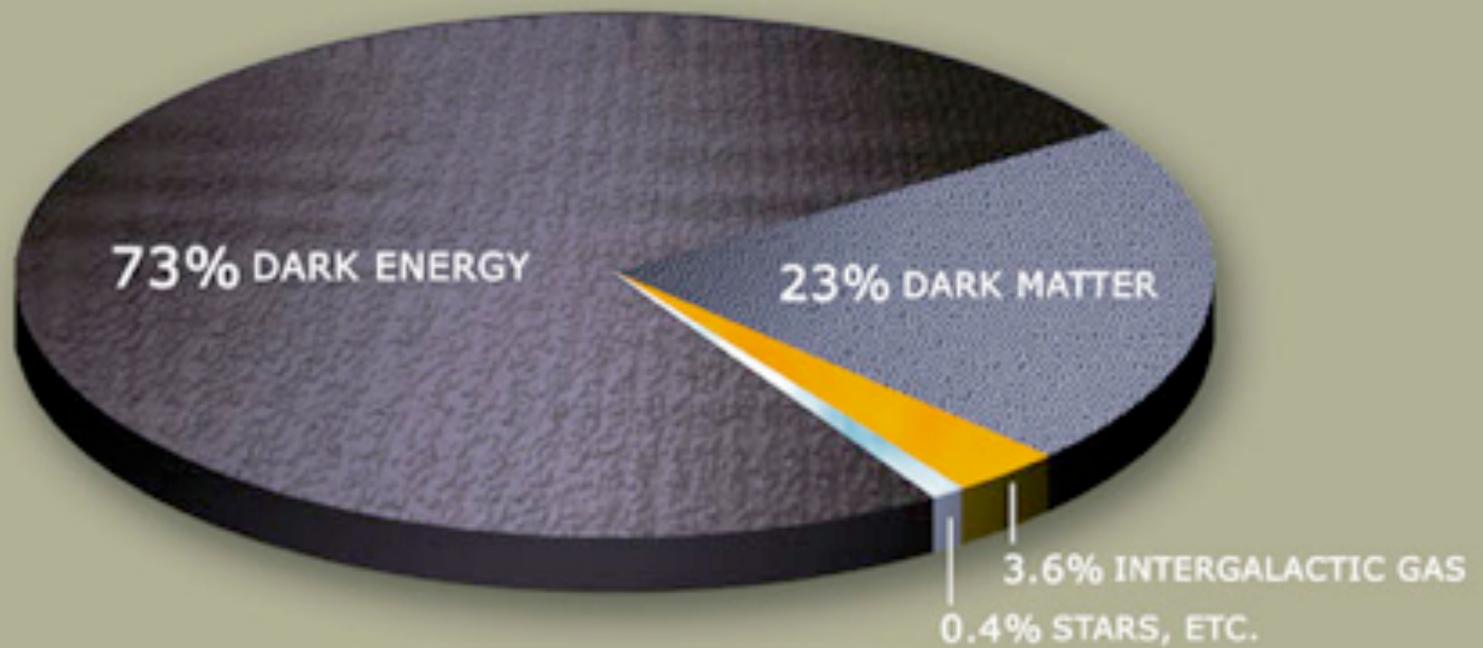
Standard candles



Standard rulers



# The concordance $\Lambda$ CDM



# Understanding cosmic acceleration

Cosmic acceleration = a modification of Einstein's equations



Deviations from GR?

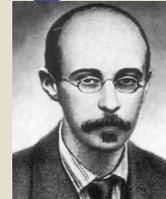
$$G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$$



New matter?  
interactions?



$\Lambda$ ?



Inhomogeneous universe?

Broad aim = Phenomenology  
Distinguish which sector: new gravity, new matter or  $\Lambda$ ?

Ambitious aim = Theoretical model  
Learn something more about the underlying theory?

## Ways to modify gravity?

- Scalar tensor gravity = simple models we can model effects for

GR

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{16\pi G} R.$$

f(R) gravity

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{16\pi G} (R + f_2(R))$$

Scalar tensor gravity

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{16\pi G} f_1(\phi) R.$$

Higher dimensional gravity e.g. DGP

$$S = \int d^5x \sqrt{-g^{(5)}} \frac{1}{16\pi G^{(5)}} R^{(5)}$$

- Active area of research, many different options, no solutions, yet
- Common theme: A scalar degree of freedom

# Alternative explanations to expansion history

- Alter Friedmann and acceleration equations at late times

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3}(\rho_m + 3P_m) + \textit{stuff}$$

or

$$\textit{stuff} + \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3}(\rho_m + 3P_m) \quad ?$$

e.g. f(R) gravity

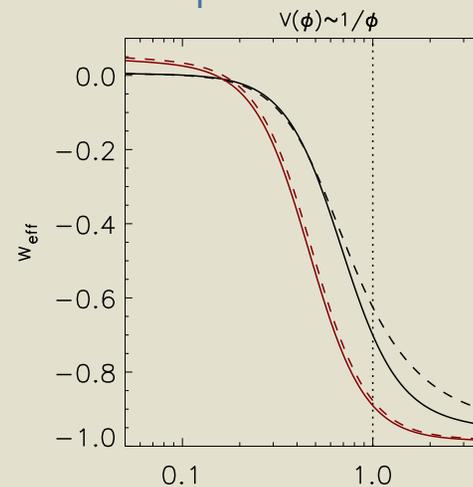
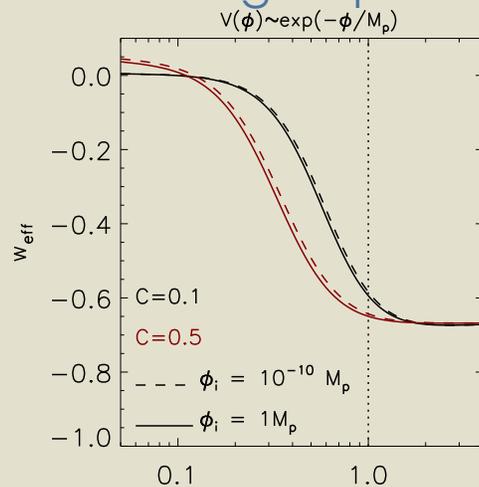
$$-H^2 f_R + \frac{a^2}{6} \ddot{f} + \frac{3}{2} H \dot{f}_R + \frac{1}{2} \ddot{f}_R + \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3}(\rho + 3P)$$

e.g. DGP gravity

$$-\frac{\dot{H}}{r_c} + \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3}(\rho + 3P)$$

# Palatable and unpalatable attraction...

- Attractor solutions give predictions independent of initial conditions,



RB, Flanagan, Laszlo, Trodden 2008

- for better or worse<sup>a</sup> e.g.  $f(R)$  Amendola et al 2007
- Can evade (unpalatable) attractors, by retrofitting  $\Lambda$ CDM background, but at the high price of more fine-tuning
  - e.g.  $f(R)$  Hu and Sawicki 2007

$$f(R) = -m^2 \frac{c_1 (R/m^2)^n}{c_2 (R/m^2)^n + 1},$$

# Can we tie data a step closer to theory?

- What observational properties might the most general action predict?

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ \frac{M_p^2}{2} R - \frac{1}{2} (\nabla\phi)^2 - V(\phi) \right.$$

Canonical scalar field

Quartic kinetic

$$+ f_{quartic}(\phi) (\nabla\phi)^4$$

Coupling to curvature

$$+ f_{curv}(\phi) G^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\mu \phi \nabla_\nu \phi$$

Gauss-Bonnet (GB) term

$$+ f_{GB}(\phi) (R^2 - 4R^{\mu\nu} R_{\mu\nu} + R_{\mu\nu\sigma\rho} R^{\mu\nu\sigma\rho})$$

$$+ S_m \left[ e^{\alpha(\phi)} g_{\mu\nu} (1 + f_{kin}(\phi) (\nabla\phi)^2), \psi_m \right]$$

Non-minimally coupling to matter

# Attractor behaviors

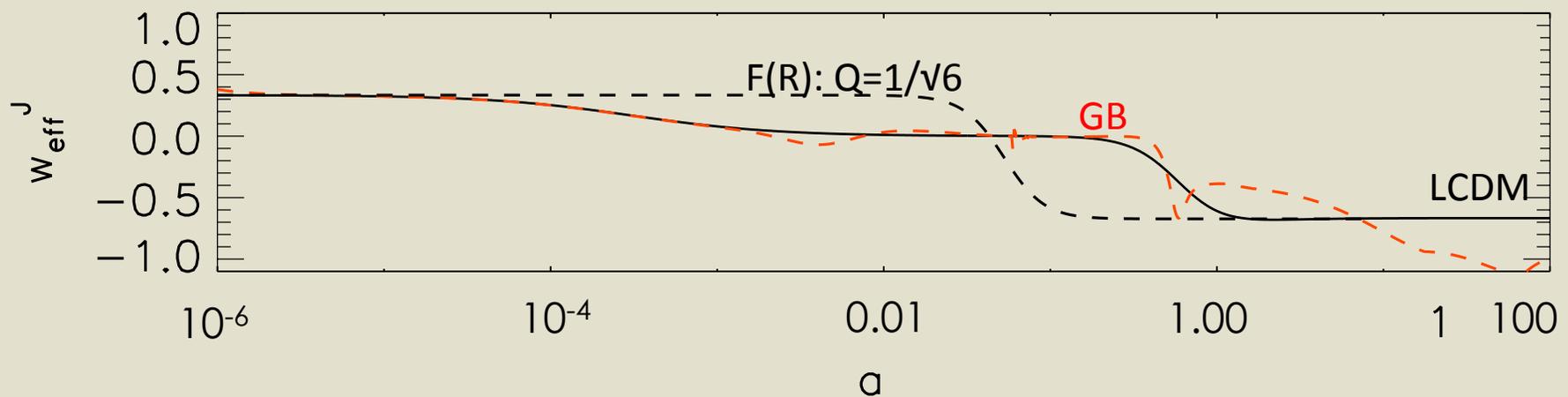
- Simple forms for couplings/interactions yield a small set of predictions

Attractor	$\Omega_\phi$	$w_\phi$	$w_E$	$w_J$
MAT- $\lambda$	$\frac{3(1+w_m)}{\lambda^2}$	$w_m$	$w_m$	$\frac{w_m + \sqrt{6}Qx/3}{1 - \sqrt{6}Qx}$
MAT - Q	$\frac{2Q^2}{3}$	1	$\frac{2Q^2}{3}$	$\frac{4Q^2}{3(1-2Q^2)}$
ACC- $\lambda$	1	$-1 + \frac{\lambda^2}{3}$	$-1 + \frac{\lambda^2}{3}$	$-1 + \frac{\lambda^2 - 2Q\lambda}{3(1-Q\lambda)}$
ACC - GB	1	-1	-1	-1

$$V = V_0 \exp\left(-\lambda \frac{\phi}{M_p}\right)$$

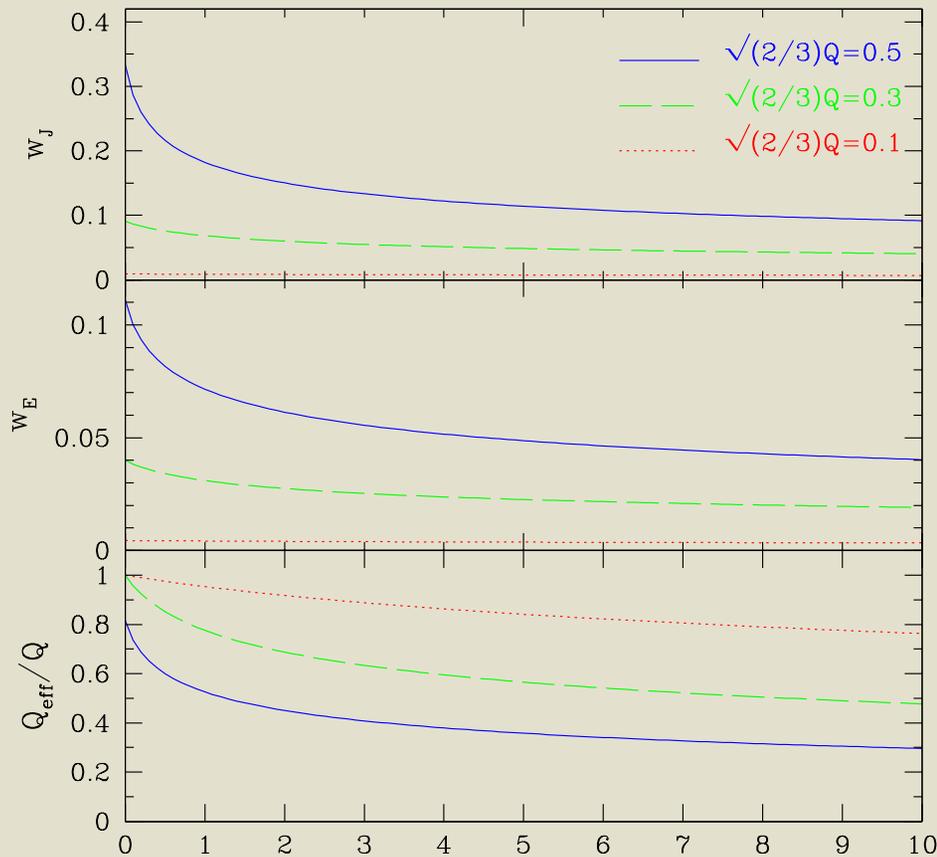
$$e^\alpha = \exp\left(-2Q \frac{\phi}{M_p}\right)$$

$$f_{GB} = F_0 \exp\left(-\mu \frac{\phi}{M_p}\right)$$



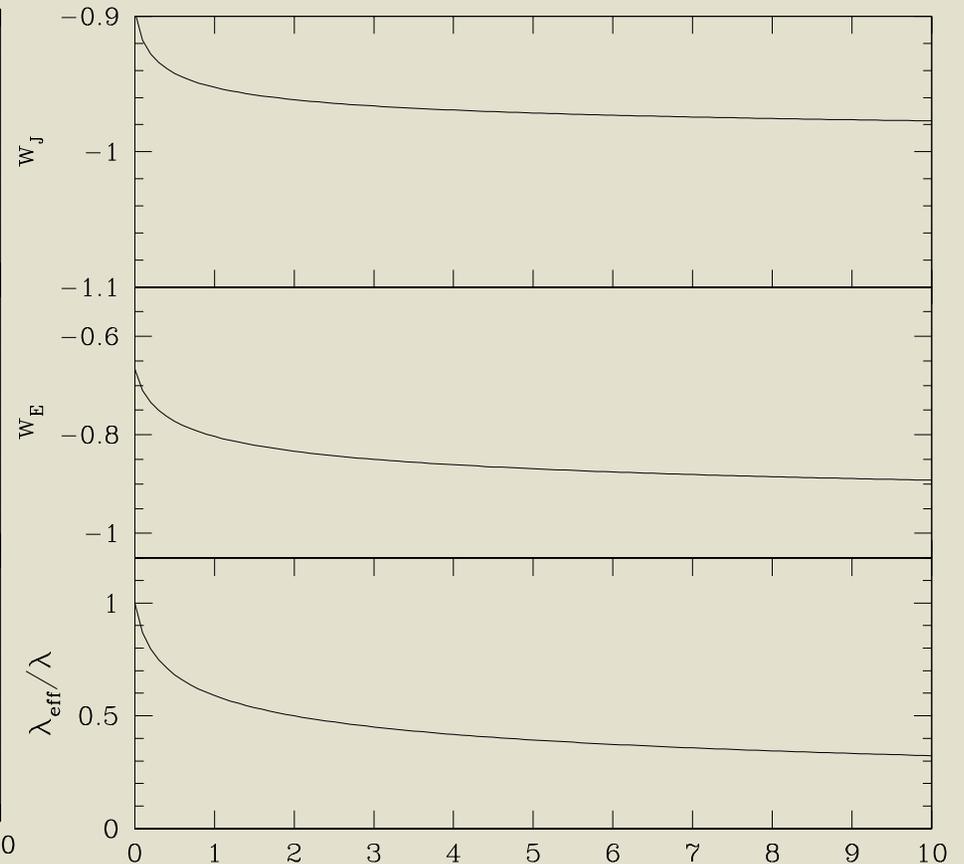
# Quartic and curvature interactions have cosmologically interesting effects

Matter dominated era



Increasing quartic term  $\rightarrow$

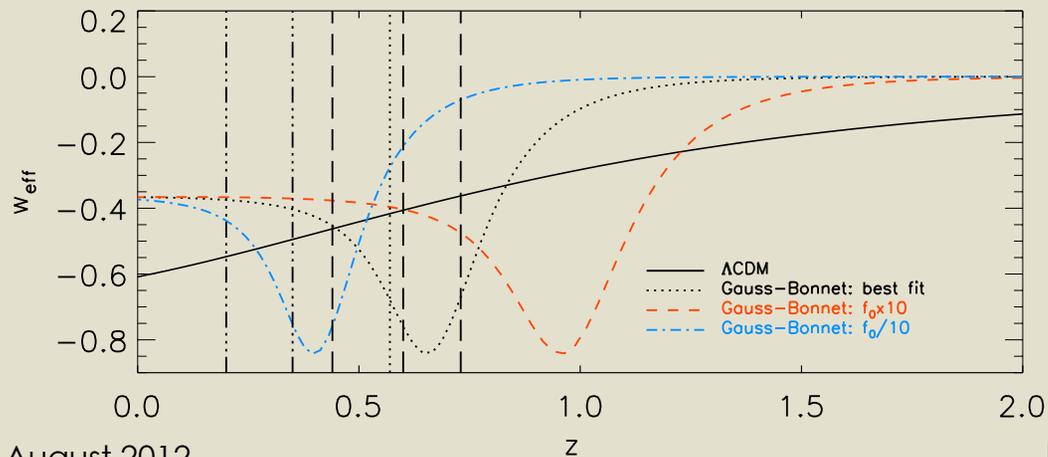
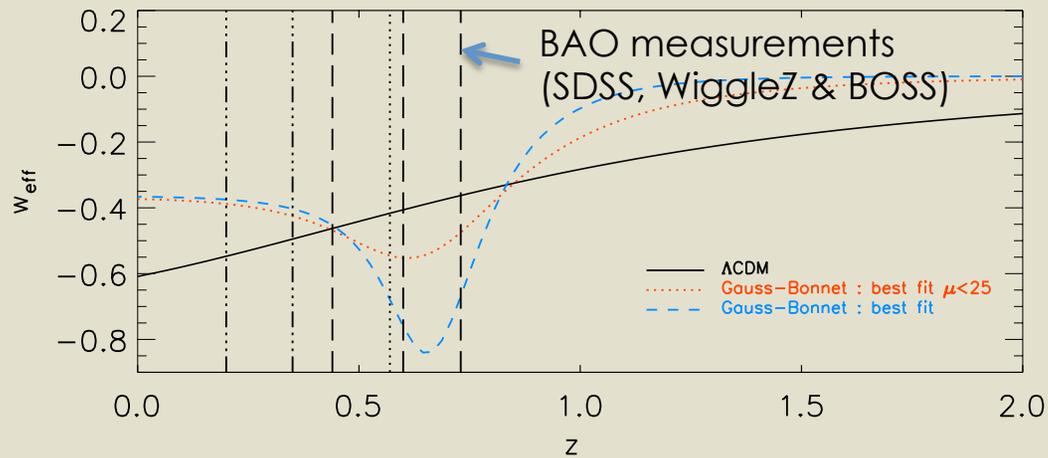
Late time accelerating era



Increasing quartic term  $\rightarrow$

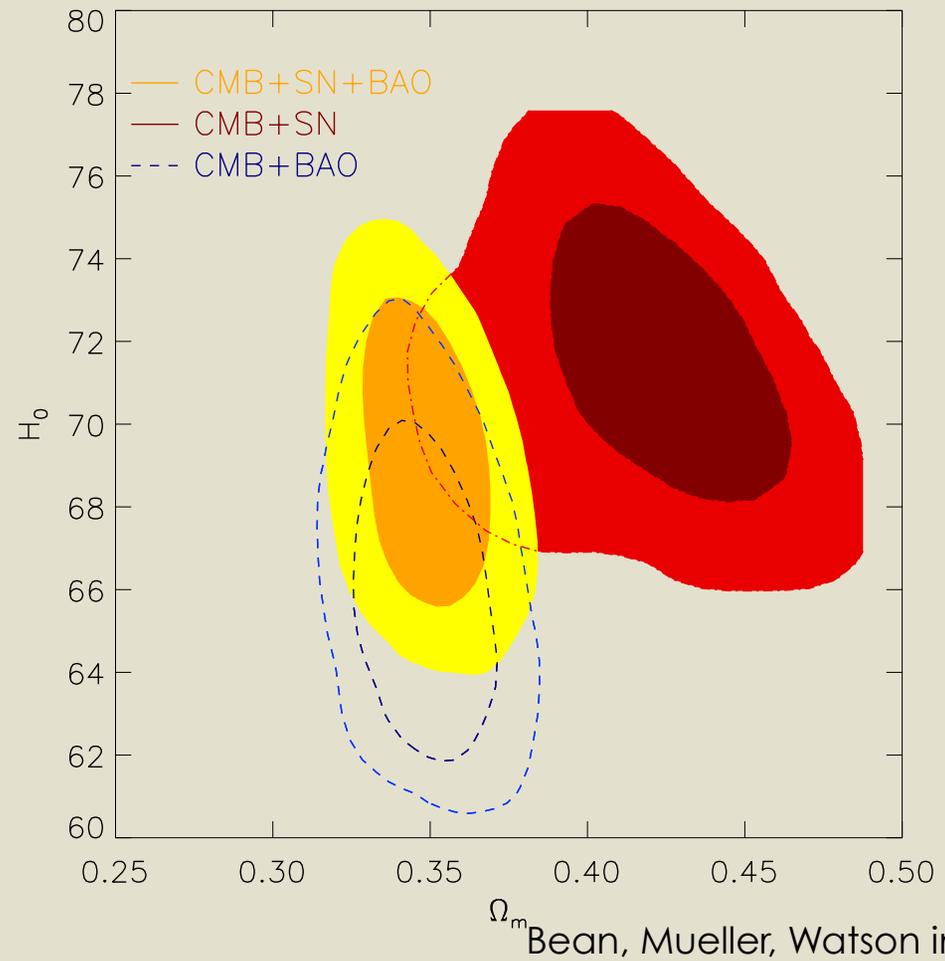
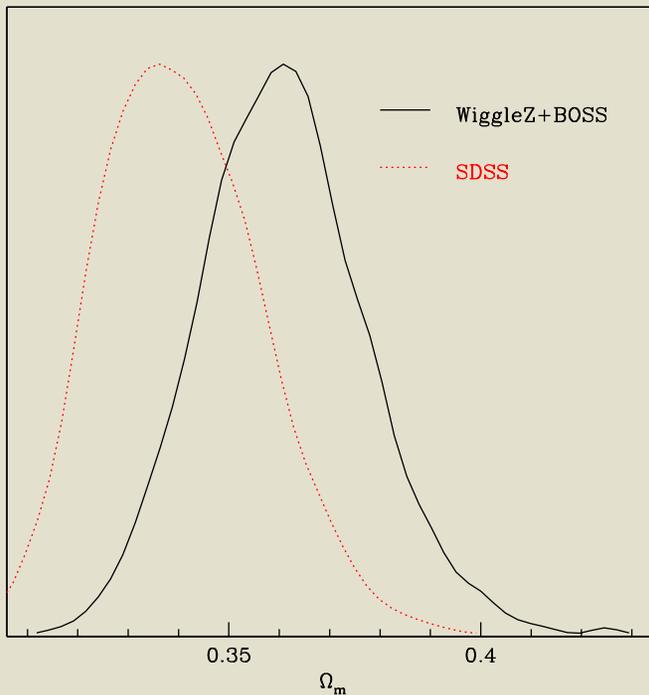
# The power of multi-epoch measurements

- BAO and SN data give multiple tests of cosmic dynamics



# The power of multi-epoch measurements

- In combination, rule out Gauss-Bonnet term:  $\Delta\chi^2(\text{GB-LCDM})=+17$



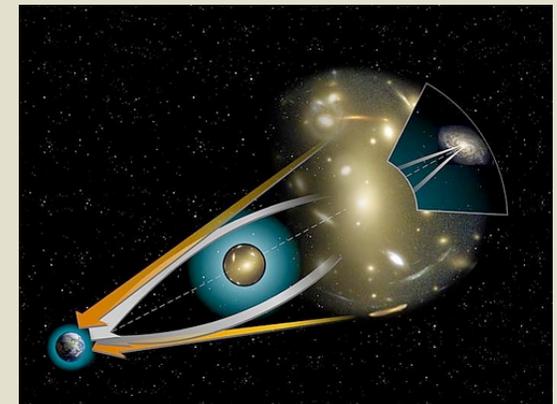
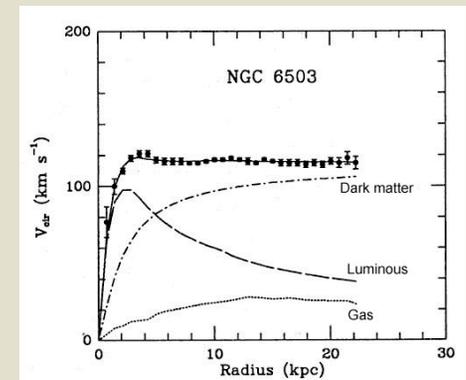
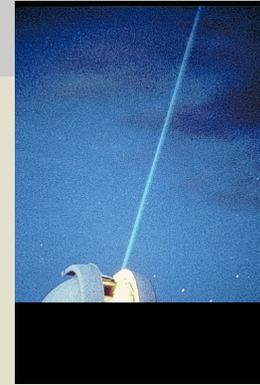
There are always benefits to asking more questions...



Rachel Bean: CMU August 2012

# Weak field tests of gravity

- Terrestrial and Solar System
  - Lab tests on mm scales
  - Lunar and planetary ranging
- Galactic
  - Galactic rotation curves and velocity dispersions
  - Satellite galaxy dynamics
- Intergalactic and Cluster
  - Galaxy lensing and peculiar motions
  - Cluster dynamical, X-ray & lensing mass estimates
- Cosmological
  - Early times: BBN, CMB correlations
  - Late times: Large scale structure



# Three groups of extra galactic observations for testing gravity

## I: Background expansion

CMB angular diameter distance

Supernovae luminosity distance

BAO angular/radial scale

## II: Growth, up to some normalization

Galaxy autocorrelations

Galaxy – ISW x-corrln

Xray and SZ galaxy cluster measurements

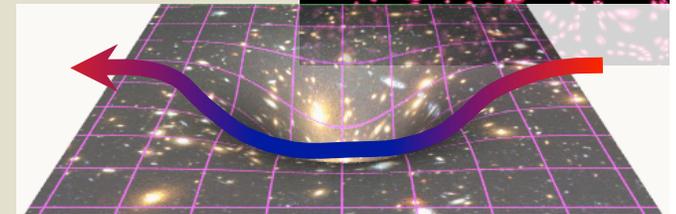
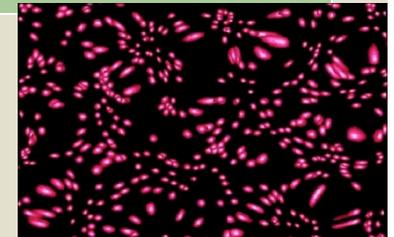
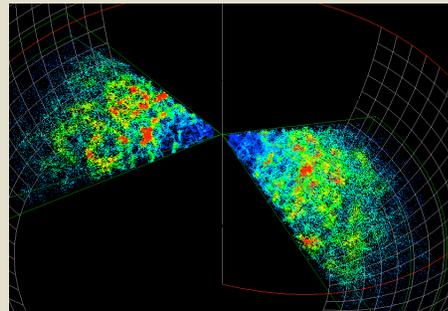
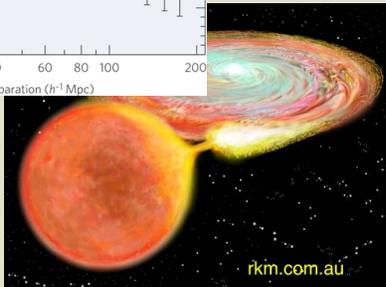
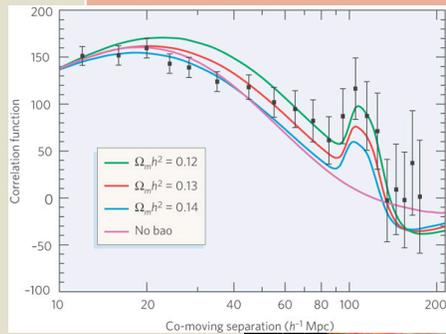
Ly-alpha measurements

## III: Growth directly

CMB ISW autocorrelation

Weak lensing autocorrelation

Peculiar velocity distribution/  
bulk flows



# Phenomenological model of gravity

- Perturbed metric  $ds^2 = -(1 + 2\psi)dt^2 + a^2(1 - 2\phi)dx^2$
- Aim to describe phenomenological properties common to theories
  - A modification to Poisson's equation,  $Q$

$$k^2 \phi = -4\pi G Q a^2 \rho \Delta$$

$Q \neq 1$ : can be mimicked by additional (dark sector?) clustering/matter

- An inequality between Newton's potentials,  $R$

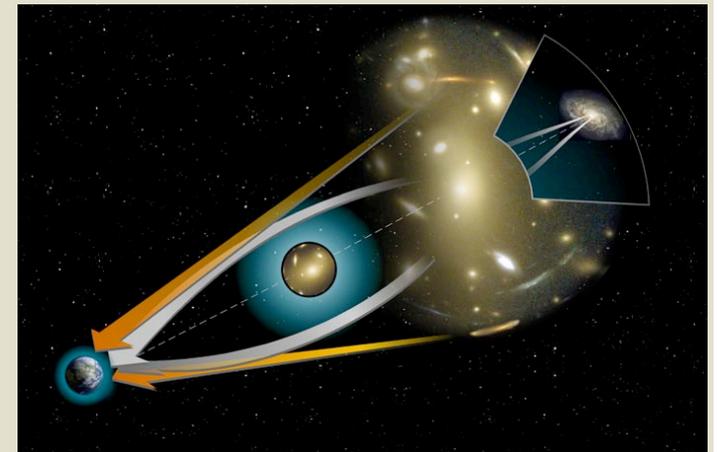
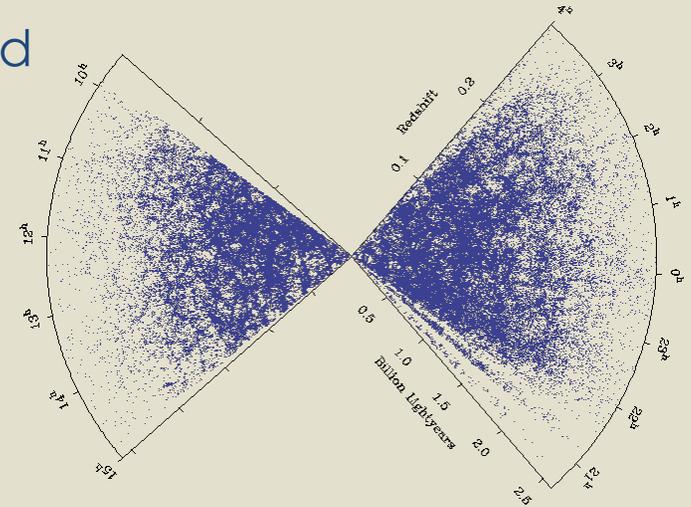
$$\psi = R\phi$$

$R \neq 1$ : not easily mimicked.

- potential smoking gun for modified gravity?
- Significant stresses exceptionally hard to create in non-relativistic fluids e.g. DM and dark energy.

# Complementary tests of gravity

- Non-relativistic tracers: Galaxy positions and motions
  - Measure  $\psi \sim G_{\text{mat}} = QRG_N$
  - Biasing of tracer (galaxy) issue
- Relativistic tracers: Weak lensing and CMB
  - Sensitive to  $(\phi+\psi) \sim G_{\text{light}} = Q(1+R)G_N$
  - Direct tracer of potential, but still
    - stochasticity relating lensing and surveyed galaxies
    - plenty of systematics (photo-z, IAs...)
- Contrasting tracers are the key to understanding gravity



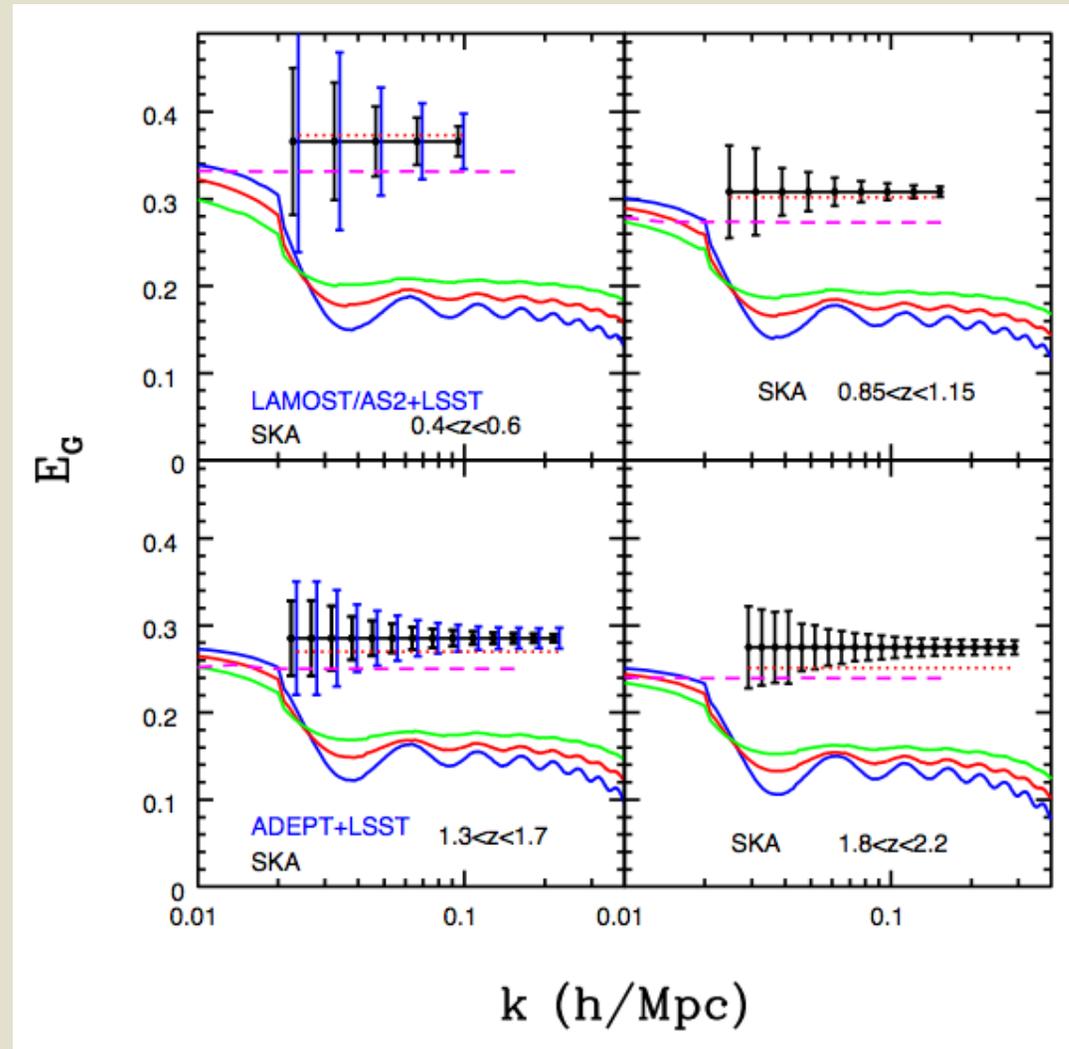
# A “smoking gun” for GR on cosmic scales

$$E_G \sim \frac{\text{galaxy position-lensing correlation } (C_l^{gG})}{\text{redshift space – galaxy position correlation } (C_l^{g\Theta})}$$

- Contrasts relativistic and non-relativistic tracers  $\Rightarrow R \neq 1$ ?
  - Lensing:  $G \sim \phi + \psi \sim Q(1+R)$ ,
  - Galaxy position and motion:  $g, \Theta \sim \psi \sim QR$
- Independent of galaxy bias and initial conditions

$$\frac{C_l^{gG}}{C_l^{g\Theta}} \sim \frac{b \sigma_8^2}{b \sigma_8^2}$$

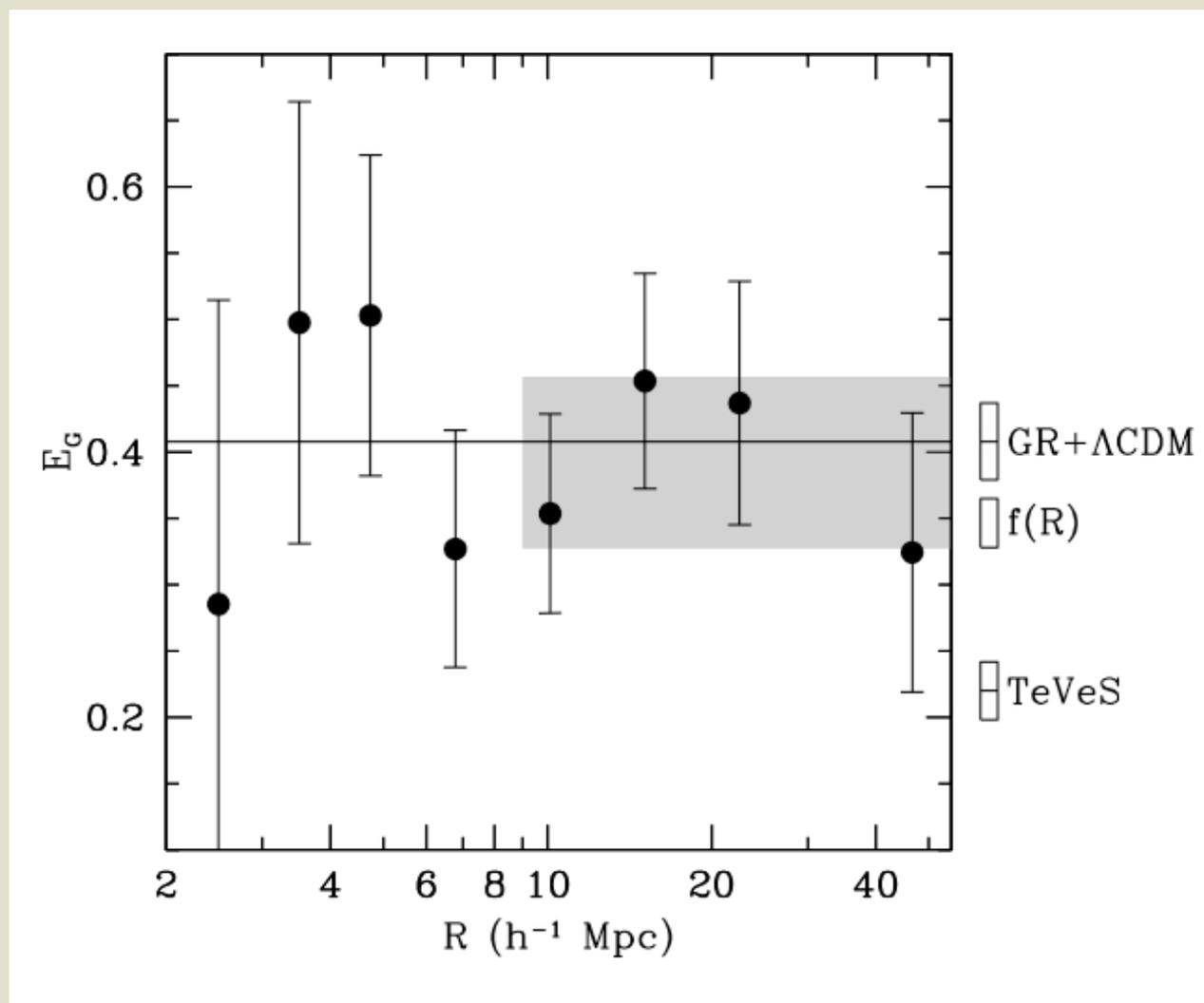
# Distinguishing between modified gravity and $\Lambda$



$$E_g \sim \frac{C_l^{g\kappa}}{C_l^{g\Theta}}$$

- GR —————
- DGP .....
- $f(R)$  - - - - -
- TeVeS  $K=0.1$  —————
- TeVeS  $K=0.09$  —————
- TeVeS  $K=0.08$  —————

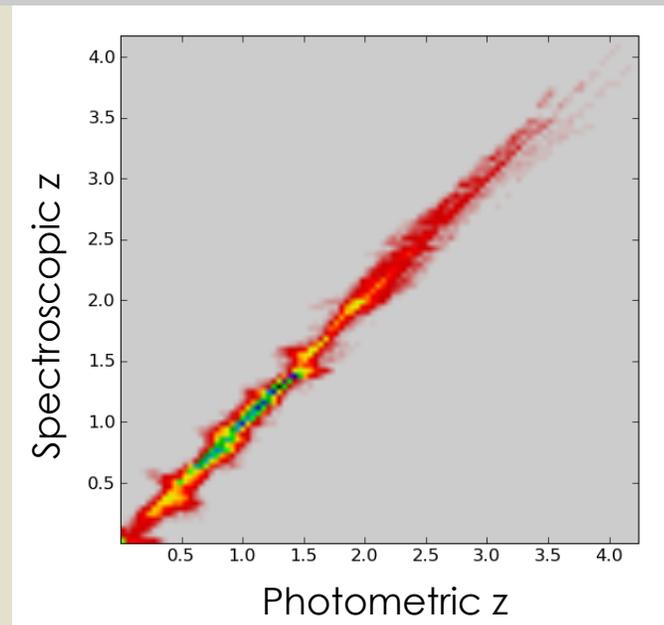
# Vital proof of principle with SDSS LRG data



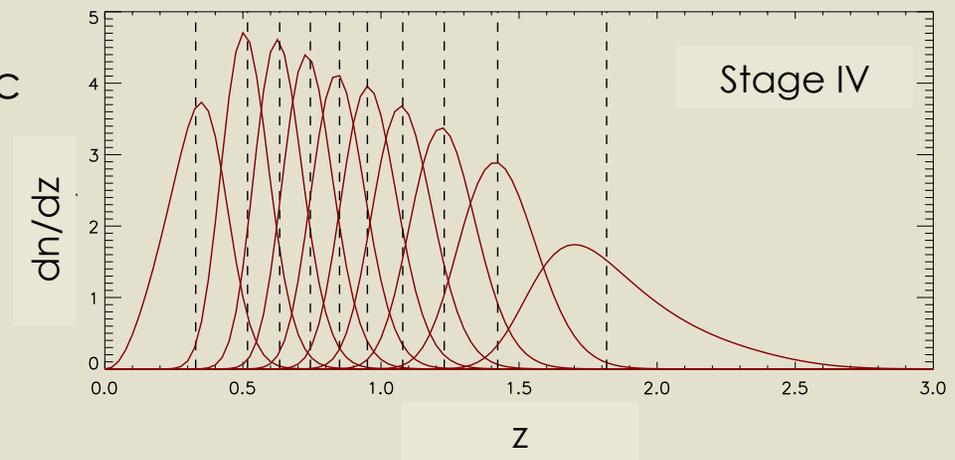
Reyes et al Nature 2010

# Complications: photometric redshifts

- Facilitates fast and wide survey
- Enables tomography
  - Measuring evolution on dark energy
  - Cross-correlations between  $z$  bins useful for disentangling systematics and cosmology
- But sensitive to modeling
  - galaxy distribution,
  - photo- $z$  statistical accuracy, systematic offsets and catastrophic errors



Credit: LSST Consortium

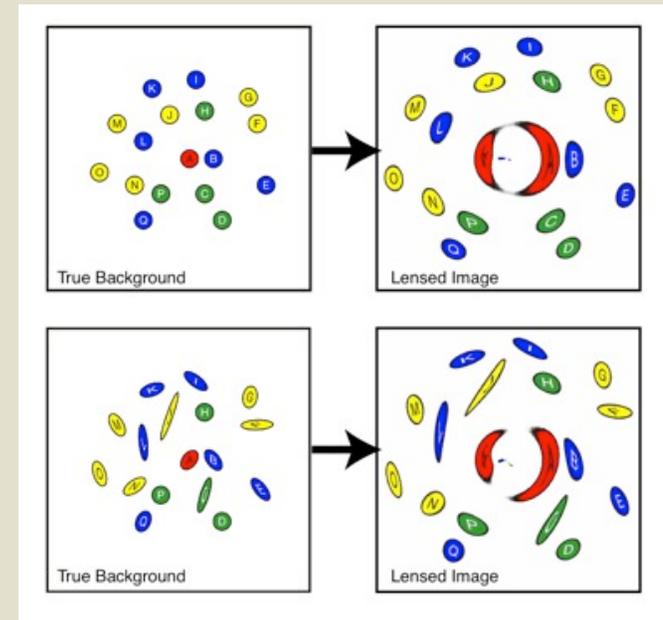


# Complications : Intrinsic alignments

- Lensing distortions detected using statistical correlations

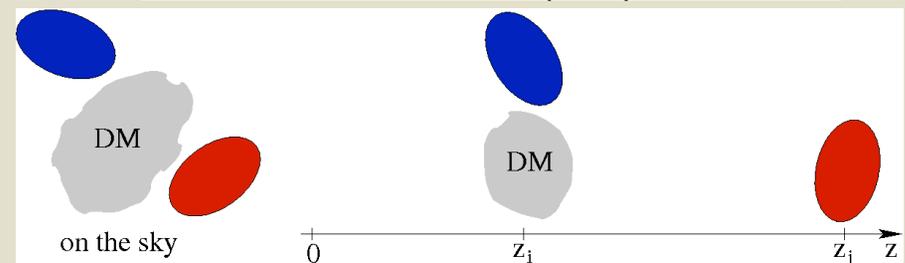
$$\epsilon^i(\theta) = \gamma_G^i(\theta) + \gamma_I^i(\theta) + \epsilon_{rnd}^i(\theta).$$

- Random ellipticity not an issue
- Instrumental & astrophysical “contaminants” introduce systematic shear calibration uncertainties
- Correlated contaminants need to be modeled and disentangled from cosmological shear
  - E.g. Intrinsic galactic alignments



Credit: Williamson, Oluseyi, Roe 2007

## Cosmo+Intrinsic shear (anti) correlation

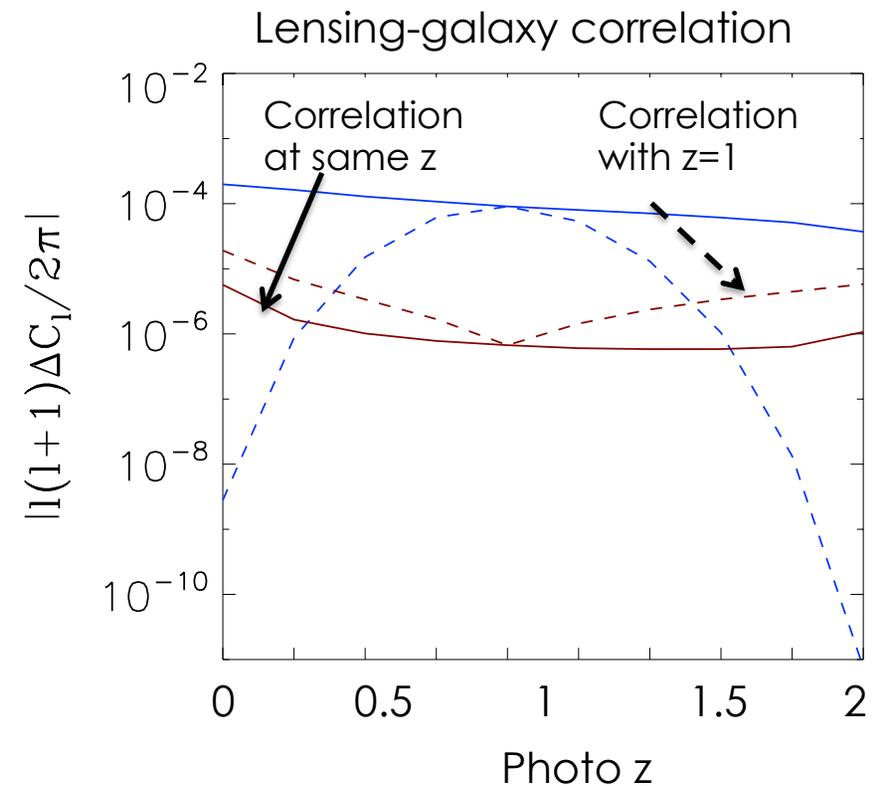
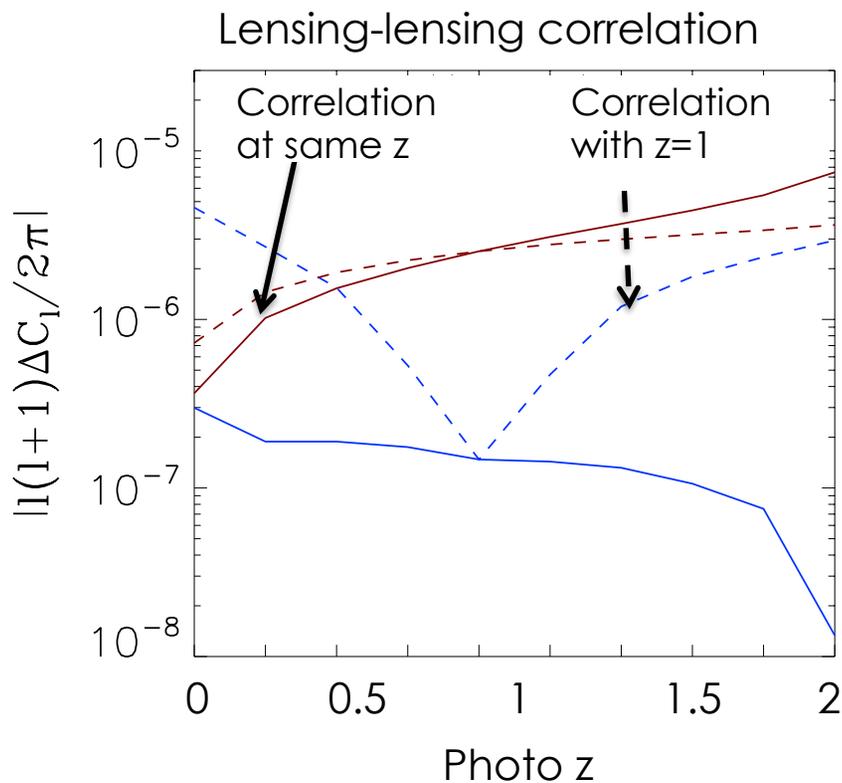


Credit: Benjamin Joachimi, iCosmo

# Cross- correlations and tomography

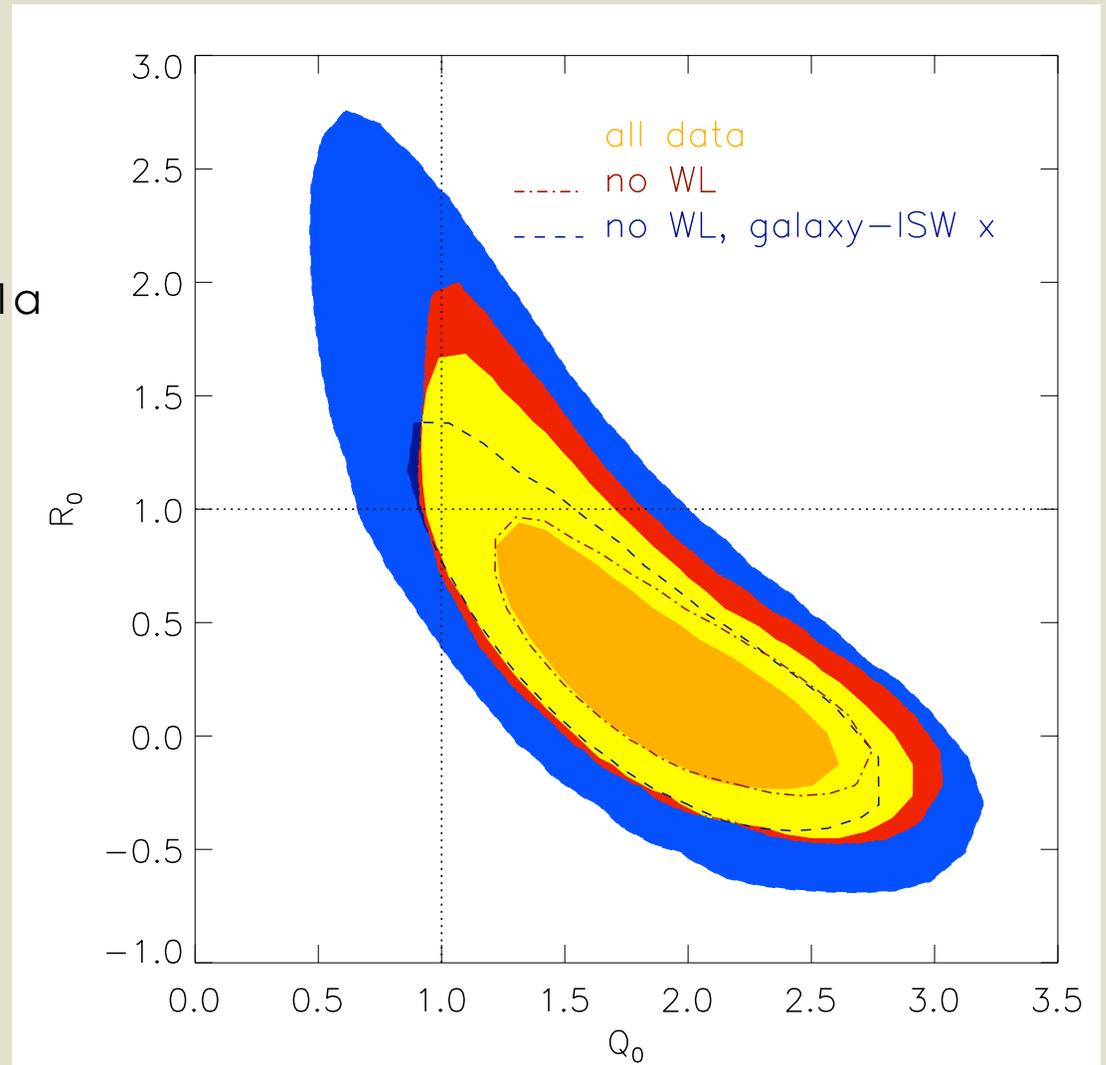
- Use difference in redshift signatures to break degeneracy between systematics and dark energy theory

Differences between **LCDM + sys errors vs no sys** and **MG vs LCDM for lensing and galaxy**



# Current constraints

- Multiple data  
WMAP CMB, SDSS LRG auto ,  
SDSS-WMAP cross correlation,  
COSMOS weak lensing, Union SN1a
- CMB-galaxy correlations  
give best constraints
- Worst constraint from lensing  
+CMB
  - $(\phi+\psi)$  direction  $\sim Q(1+R)/2$
- “Figure of Merit”
  - 1/error ellipse area
  - MG FoM  $\sim 0.03$



# What about future surveys?

- Fisher matrix analysis = Inverse covariance (error) matrix

$$Cov_{ij}^{-1} = F_{ij} = \frac{\partial t_a}{\partial p_i} Cov_{ab}^{-1} \frac{\partial t_b}{\partial p_j}$$

- Assumed cosmology and parameterization

$$\mathbf{p} = \{\Omega_b h^2, \Omega_m h^2, \Omega_k, \tau, w_0, w_a, Q_0, Q_0(1 + R_0)/2, n_s, \Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^2(k_0), \\ + \text{systematic nuisance parameters}\}$$

- Datasets

$$\mathbf{t} = \{C_{\ell}^{TT}, C_{\ell}^{TE}, C_{\ell}^{EE}, C_{\ell}^{Tg_1}, \dots, C_{\ell}^{Eg_1}, \dots, C_{\ell}^{g_1g_1}, C_{\ell}^{g_1g_2}, \dots, C_{\ell}^{\kappa_{N_{ph}} \kappa_{N_{ph}}}\}$$

- Survey specifications

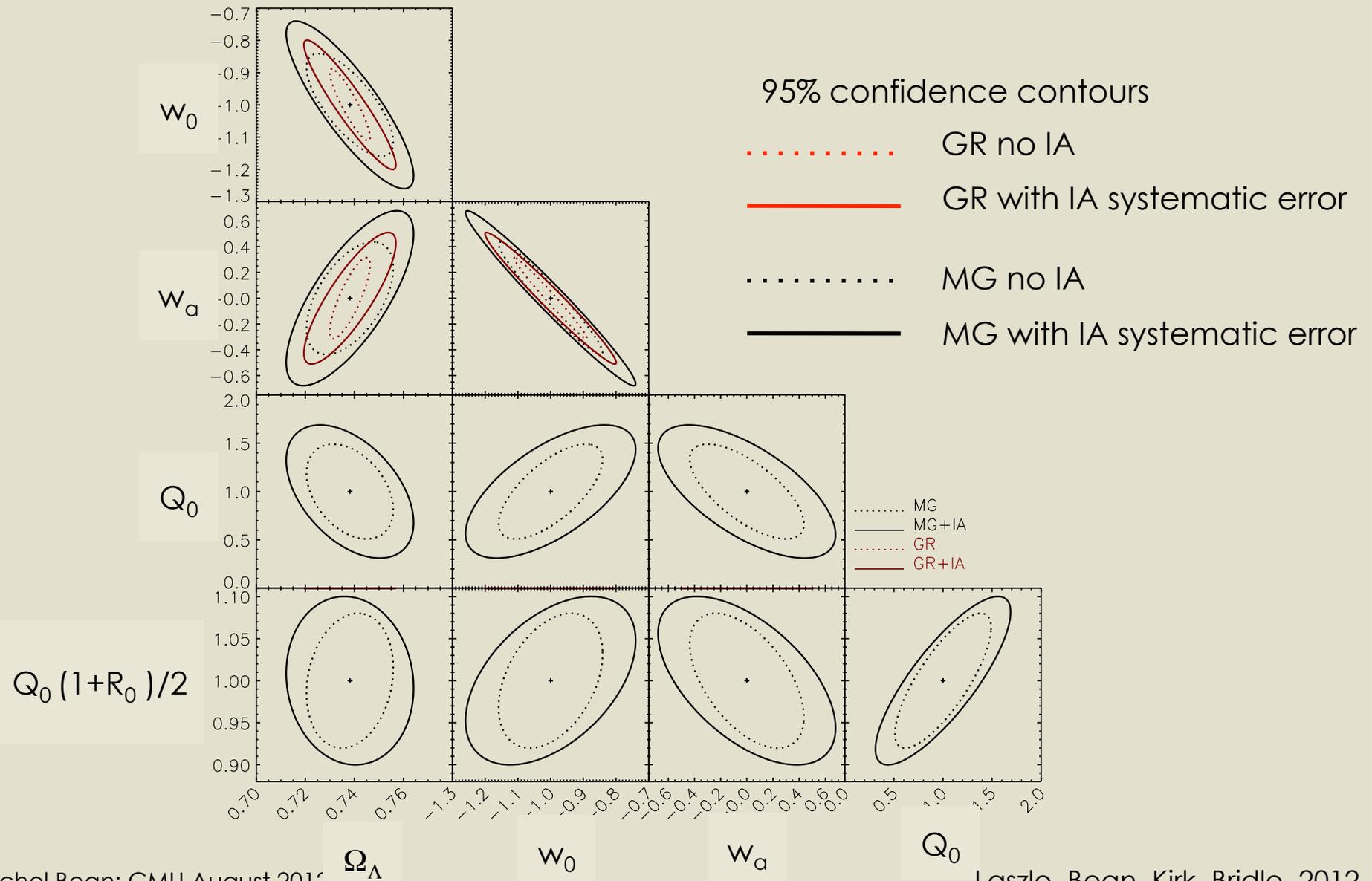
- near future (stage III) and end of decade (stage IV) surveys
- Stage III = Planck CMB + DES-like imaging + BOSS spectroscopic surveys
- Stage IV = Planck CMB + EUCLID-like imaging and spectroscopy

# Forecasting: what you put in=what you get out

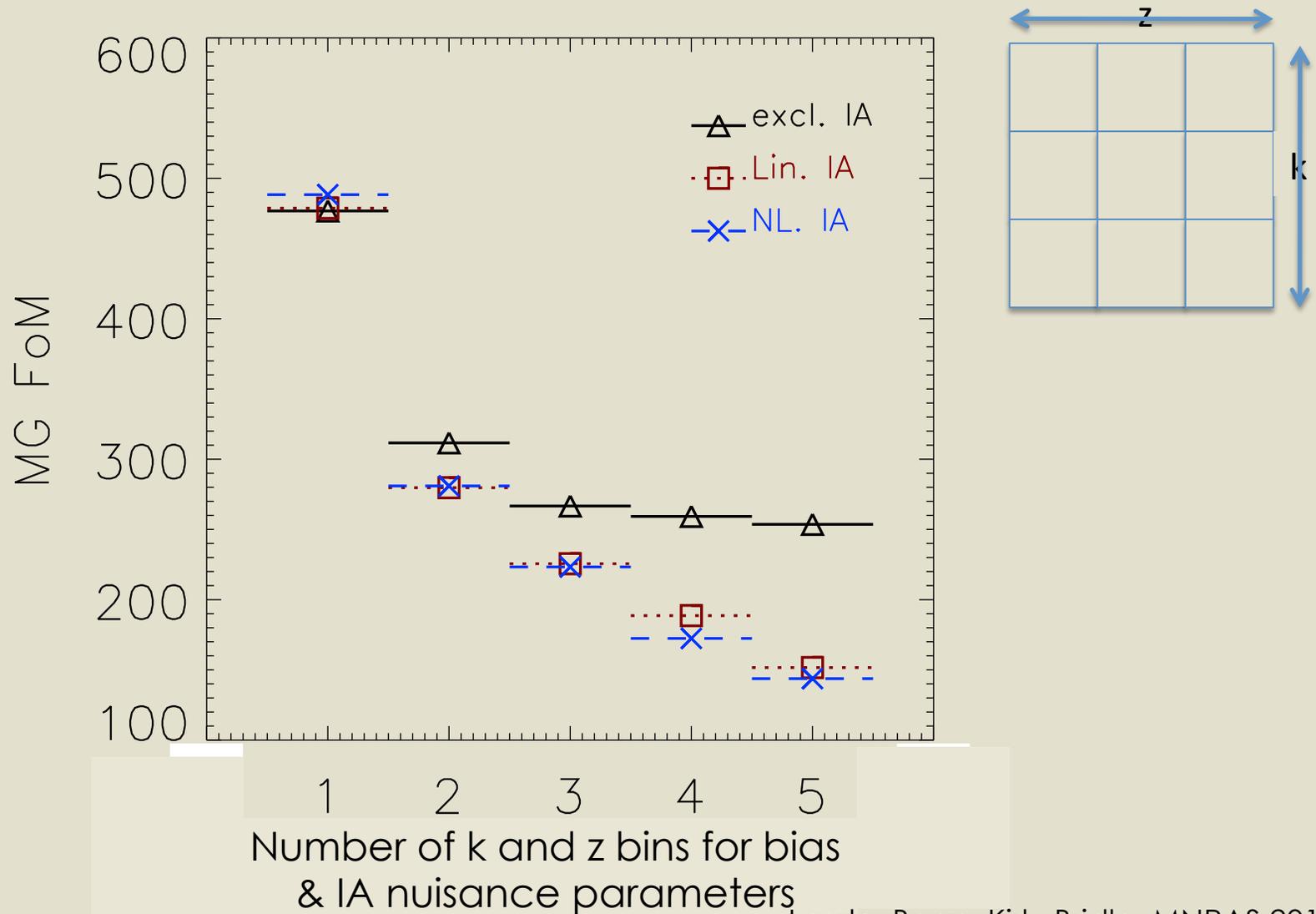
- Figures of merit /Fisher insightful but
- Model dependent – e.g.  $w_0/w_a$  or functions of  $z$ ?
- Systematic errors difficult but important!
  - Instrumental e.g. calibration uncertainties
    - Internal cross-checks: inter-filter, concurrent & repetition  $\neq$  redundancy
  - Modeling: e.g. Photo  $z$  modeling errors, nonlinearity
    - Access to ground based facilities,
    - Training sets, simulation suites
  - Astrophysical: e.g. IAs ,  $H\alpha$   $z$  distribution, galaxy bias, baryonic effects
    - At what scale should one truncate the analysis?
    - Analytical modeling, gridded  $k$  &  $z$  bins, simulations?
- Buyer beware!
  - risky to compare FoM unless apples-for-apples treatment



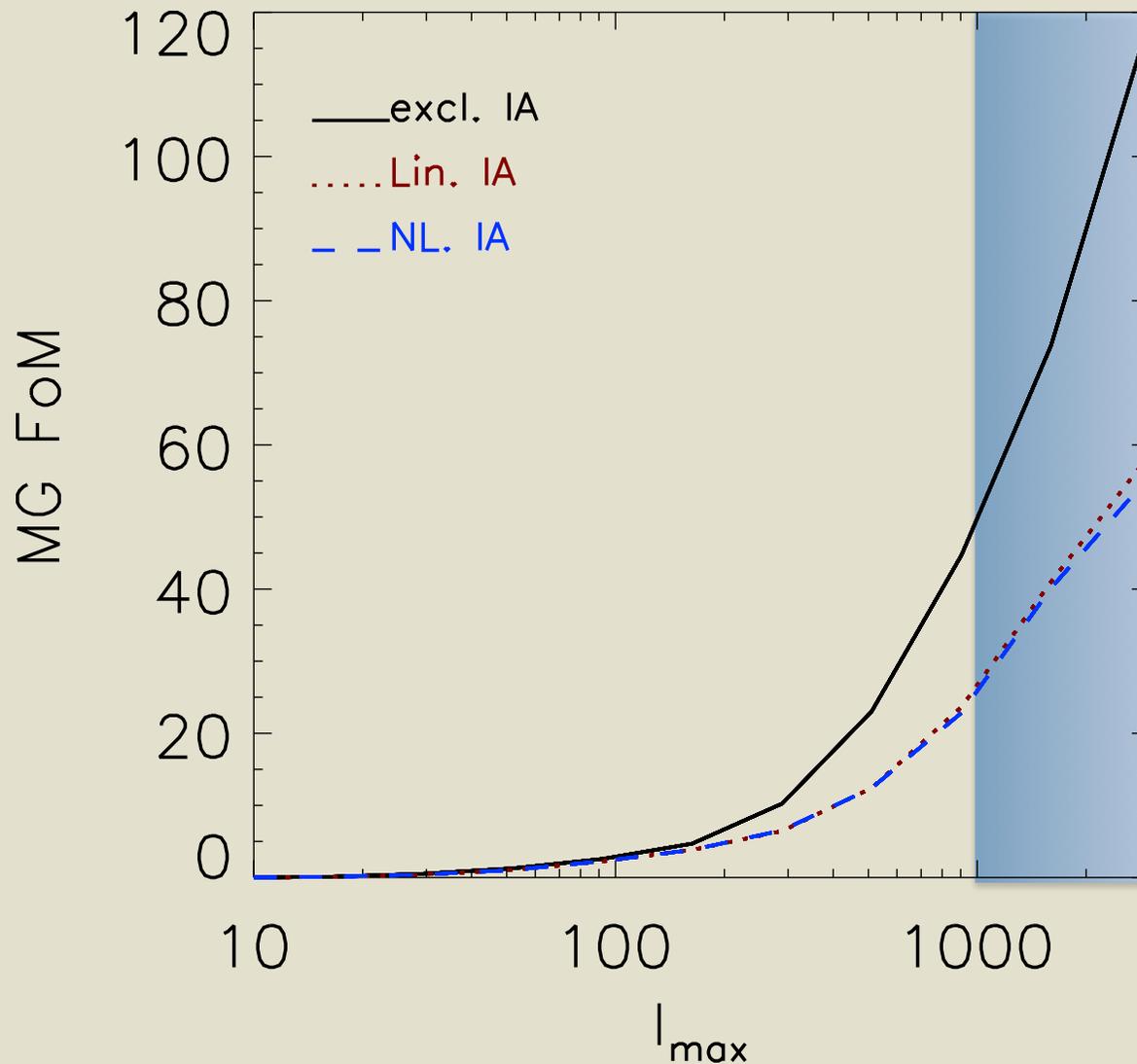
# Sensitivity to theory and systematics



# Our level of understanding about bias and IA is important



*\*If\** you understand non-linear scales  
they could make a big difference

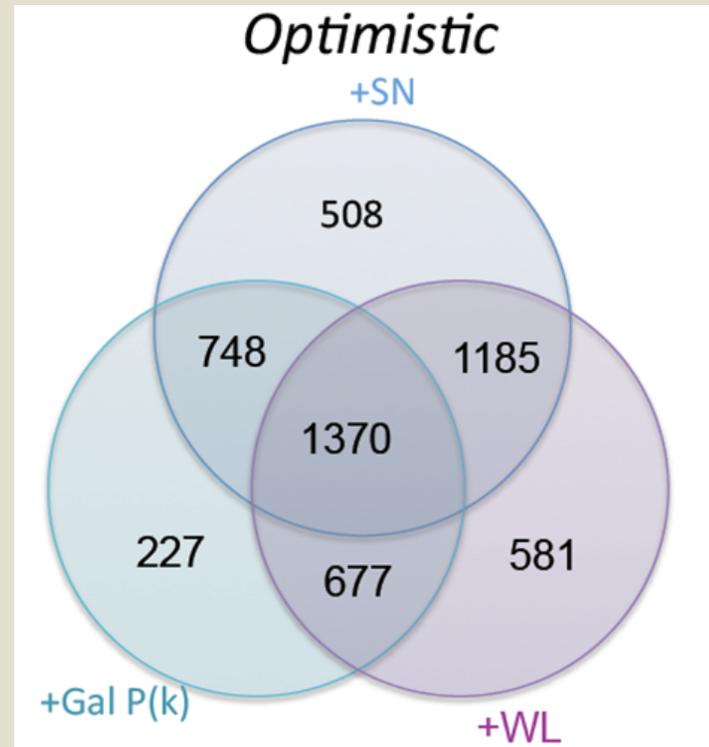
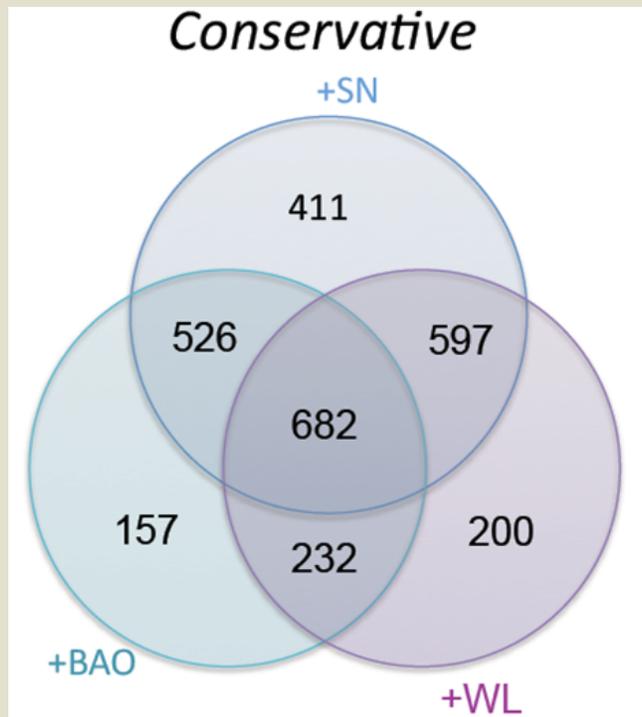


On scales  $\lesssim$  a few Mpc

- Baryonic effects?
- Non-linear modeling?
- Screening effects?

Include small scale modeling uncertainties in forecasts.

# WFIRST design prioritizes systematic control



Chris Hirata's talk

WFIRST SDT final report 1208.4012

# Concluding thoughts

- Invaluable opportunity to test the origins of cosmic acceleration and weak field gravity on cosmic scales
  - Theoretical developments, fast evolving.
  - General effective field theory for DE a useful phenomenological approach,
  - interesting implications for both expansion history and growth history
- Multiple, complementary astrophysical tracers key to finding DE origin
  - geometric techniques important record of expansion history
  - relativistic & non-relativistic LSS tracers sensitive to gravity's properties
  - Surveys will give us information across  $z$  and from horizon to sub-halo scales
- Honest assessment of systematics essential
  - Theory and systematics can be tightly coupled.
  - Can significantly impact predictions (beware apples vs oranges)
  - Survey and algorithm development + x-corr important to mitigate these.
- FoMs useful but a high pass filter on data. Mapping to the underlying theory is the ultimate goal.